

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 remain pending. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's early indication of allowable subject matter (in accordance with MPEP § 706.02(j) and § 707.07(j)(III)) is greatly appreciated.

The Amendment

The amendment corrects typographical errors and improves the readability of the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment merely embodies the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims. The amendment requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Thus, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants acknowledge the Office's admission that the pending claims are patentable over the references of record. Applicants respectfully submit that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the Statement of reasons for allowance are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only recited features and relationships which are not found in the prior art. Furthermore, the Statement refers to subject matter (or language) which is not recited in all of the claims. Not all claims require the features and relationships indicated in the Statement. It should be understood that the claims are to only be limited by that subject matter which is specifically recited. Any remarks in the Statement which attempt to narrow the recited subject matter should be disregarded.

Conclusion

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by phone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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